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## Hartwell, Russell Lake visitor centers to close on weekends during winter months

**SAVANNAH, Ga.** –The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers \(USACE\) Savannah District](#) will begin seasonal weekend closures at the visitor centers at [Hartwell Dam and Lake](#) and [Richard B. Russell Dam and Lake](#), Nov. 24 through Feb. 24. The visitor centers will remain open during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The [J. Strom Thurmond Dam and Lake](#) visitors center will remain open on weekends during the winter months.

All visitor centers are closed on federal holidays.

The weekend closures are a result of declining winter visitation numbers at the lakes. Weekend operation of the visitor centers will resume on March 2, 2013.

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